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SUBJECT: LICENSING OF U. S. LAUNCHER TECHNOLOGY
FOR MANUFACTURE IN EUROPE.

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1. REF B SUMMARIZES CONVERSATION BETWEEN NASA
ADMINISTRATOR AND MINAEROSPACE AND SHIPPING HESELTINE,
DTI, IN WHICH LATTER AGAIN RAISED POSSIBILITIES OF
LICENSING US LAUNCHERS FOR MANUFACTURE IN EUROPE.
WE HAD PASSED CONTENTS OF REF A TO HESELTINE' S OFFICE
PRIOR TO MEETING, BUT IT IS APPARENT THAT HESELTINE
WISHES TO EXPLORE LATTER FURTHER AND WOULD PREFER TO
DO SO THROUGH EXCHANGE OF LETTERS BETWEEN HIMSELF
AND EMBASSY.

2. THEREFORE, WE PROPOSE TO SEND FOLLOWING LETTER
TO HESELTINE ON FRIDAY, MARCH 23, UNLESS INSTRUCTED
OTHERWISE BY DEPARTMENT.

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BEGIN QUOTE: DEAR MICHAEL: AS YOU MAY REMEMBER, WHEN WE LAST MET YOU ASKED ABOUT THE AVAILABILITY OF U. S. VEHICLES TO LAUNCH EUROPEAN SATELLITES. AS I SAID WE WOULD, WE PUT YOUR QUESTIONS TO WASHINGTON, AND HAVE RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING REPLY.

THE BASIC POLICY IS OUTLINED IN THE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT OF OCTOBER 9, 1972, OF WHICH I ENCLOSE A COPY. IN BRIEF, THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH THE U. S. WILL PROVIDE LAUNCH ASSISTANCE ARE THE SAME, WHETHER THIS ASSISTANCE IS IN THE FORM OF LICENSING THE PRODUCTION OF VEHICLES OR THE TRANSFER OF SPACE TECHNOLOGY BY OTHER MEANS. THUS, THE SAME CONDITIONS THAT APPLY TO LAUNCHES, EITHER FROM SITES IN THE U. S. OR ELSEWHERE, USING LAUNCH VEHICLES PURCHASED IN THE U. S., ALSO APPLY TO THE LICENSED PRODUCTION OF SPACE LAUNCHERS OR OTHER EQUIPMENT. THESE CONDITIONS INCLUDE (A) USE FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES, (B) THE ASSURANCE OF NO TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY, VEHICLES OR LAUNCH SERVICES TO THIRD PARTIES WITHOUT U. S. APPROVAL, AND (C) THE ASSURANCE THAT LAUNCHES WILL BE USED FOR PURPOSE CONSISTENT WITH INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS AND AGREEMENTS.

WE ARE MOST WILLING TO PURSUE THE PROVISION OF U. S. LAUNCHES UNDER THESE CONDITIONS WITH YOU OR WITH YOUR STAFF AT YOUR CONVENIENCE.

I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU.
SINCERELY, ROBERT A. BRAND END QUOTE

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